

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 611

Congratulating the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club on the 48th anniversary  
of the running of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2010

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted the  
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club on the  
48th anniversary of the running of the JFK 50-Mile  
Ultra-Marathon.

Whereas President John F. Kennedy set as a national goal  
the improvement of the health of the members of the  
United States Armed Forces;

Whereas President Kennedy, in 1963, issued an Executive  
order challenging United States Marine officers to finish  
a 50-mile race in 20 hours, matching a similar challenge  
issued in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt;

Whereas, since that Executive order, thousands of Americans,  
not just servicemen and women, have taken up the chal-  
lenge of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon;

Whereas, since the inception of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon, all members of the Armed Services have been invited to meet the challenge set by Presidents Kennedy and Roosevelt over an historic race course;

Whereas between 30 and 40 percent of participants in the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon each year are active duty military or veterans;

Whereas each of the branches of the United States Armed Forces fields at least 1 team each year in the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon, and the Navy typically fields several teams;

Whereas much of the course of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon is located on Federal land, including the historic C&O Canal, the Appalachian Trail, and Antietam Battlefield;

Whereas the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon includes the War Correspondents Memorial Arch, a national monument located in Gathland State Park in the State of Maryland; and

Whereas following the assassination of President Kennedy, the first JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon was organized as a way to honor President Kennedy, and has been held annually, rain or shine, ever since: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends and congratulates the past,  
3       present, and future participants and organizers of  
4       the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon; and

5               (2) requests the Secretary of the Senate to  
6       transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the

- 1 Cumberland Valley Athletic Club as an expression of
- 2 the best wishes of the Senate for a glorious year of
- 3 celebration.

